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I am writing to express my support for HB 5054, An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence, and SB 429, An Act Concerning Service of Restraining Orders. These are common sense measures that help to secure the safety of those who may be vulnerable to harm by firearms.

I oppose HB 5597, because it sets in motion the risk warrant process if a restraining order indicates that the subject is in possession of a firearm. Many victims of abuse fear violent reprisals from the abuser when police are brought to the home who then may get an immediate warrant to remove the subject's firearms. These victims much prefer the safer route of going to the court for a restraining order.

Thank you for your consideration.

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